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TAGS: OEXC, VE (BRITO FIGUEROA, FEDERICO)

SUBJECT: DISTINGUISHED LATIN AMERICAN LECTURER PROGRAM

REF: CARACAS 3502; STATE 71071

1. THE DEPARTMENT HAS GIVEN THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA A GRANT-IN-AID TO ASSIST ITS LATIN AMERICAN AREA CENTER IN CARRYING OUT A PROGRAM TO BRING DISTINGUISHED LATIN AMERICANS TO THE U.S. TO LECTURE AT SELECTED INSTITUTIONS. THE LECTURERS ARE BEING INVITED BY THE UNIVERSITY DIRECTLY TO LECTURE AT UP TO FOUR INSTITUTIONS OVER A PERIOD OF TWO WEEKS.
2. ONE OF THE LATIN AMERICANS BEING CONSIDERED BY ARIZONA, AS REPORTED STATE REFTEL, IS FEDERICO BRITO FIGUEROA, WHO EMBASSY REPORTED IS PROBABLY NOT ELIGIBLE FOR A U.S. VISA. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING EMBASSY'S OPINION ON FEASIBILITY OF SEEKING A WAIVER OF HIS INELIGIBILITY FROM INS AND OF INVITING BRITO TO PARTICIPATE IN PROGRAM. HE HAS NOT YET BEEN APPROACHED BY ARIZONA AND WILL NOT BE INVITED WITHOUT DEPARTMENT APPROVAL. IN VIEW OF BRITO'S BACKGROUND, DEPARTMENT CANNOT GIVE APPROVAL WITHOUT EMBASSY'S ASSESSMENT OF OVERALL ADVANTAGES/DISADVANTAGES OF
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HAVING HIM IN U.S. UNDER USG SPONSORSHIP.

3. FYI, OTHER LATIN AMERICANS ALREADY INVITED TO
LECTURE INCLUDE ORLANDO ALBORNOZ, EDMUNDO FLORES, PABLO
GONZALEZ, CARLOS LLERAS RESTREPO, CRISALDO MORAES, MARCO
ORDONEZ, OCTAVIO PAZ AND JOSE LEON SANCHEZ. KISSINGER

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